(In the Senate - Filed February 18, 2013; February 25, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Relations; April 8, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5 1-6 April 8, 2013, sent to printer.) COMMITTEE VOTE 1-7 1-8 Absent PNV Yea Nay Hinojosa 1-9 Χ 1-10 1-11 Nichols Garcia 1-12 Paxton X Taylor 1-13 X 1-14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 637 By: Paxton 1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-16 AN ACT 1-17 relating to notice and election order requirements for bond approval elections held by political subdivisions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 1-18 1-19 1-20 SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Election Code, is amended by adding 1-21 1-22 Section 3.009 to read as follows: 3.009. CONTENTS OF DEBT OBLIGATION ELECTION Sec. In this section, "debt obligation" means an issued public 1-23 1-24 security, as defined by Section 1201.002, Government Code, that is 1-25 secured by ad valorem taxes. The document ordering an election to authorize a subdivision to issue debt obligations must distinctly 1-26 1-27 (b) political 1-28 state: 1-29 (1)the proposition language that will appear on the 1-30 ballot; (2) 1-31 the purpose for which the debt obligations are to 1-32 be authorized; 1-33 (3) the principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized; 1-34 (4) that taxes sufficient to pay the annual principal and interest on the debt obligations may be imposed;
(5) a statement of the estimated tax rate if the debt 1-35 1-36 1-37 obligations are authorized or of the maximum interest rate of the 1-38 debt obligations or any series of the debt obligations, based on the 1-39 market conditions at the time of the election order;

(6) the maximum maturity date of the debt obligations to be authorized or that the debt obligations may be issued to 1-40 1-41 1-42 1-43 mature over a specified number of years not to exceed 40; 1-44 (7) the aggregate amount of the outstanding principal 1-45 of the political subdivision's debt obligations as of the beginning 1-46 the political subdivision's fiscal year in which the election is ordered; 1-47 1-48 the aggregate amount of the outstanding interest 1-49 obligations of the political subdivision as of the beginning of the political subdivision's fiscal year in which the 1-50 1-51 election is ordered; and (9) the ad valorem debt service tax rate for the subdivision at the time the election is ordered, (9) the ad 1-52

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3.009 shall be posted:

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(1) on election day and during early voting by personal appearance, in a prominent location at each polling place;

expressed as an amount per \$100 valuation of taxable property.

SECTION 2. Section 4.003, Election Code, is amended by

A debt obligation election order required under Section

adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

C.S.S.B. No. 637 (2) not later than the 21st day before the election, in three public places in the boundaries of the political subdivision holding the election; and

(3) during the 21 days before the election, on the political subdivision's Internet website, prominently and together with the notice of the election and the contents of the proposition, if the political subdivision maintains an Internet website.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act. An election ordered before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the election was ordered, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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